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In December of 2008, Captain Tim Brown with the Junction City Police Department requested assistance from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) in the theft of a large amount of construction equipment stolen from the Junction City area in the last several years.

As a result of the investigation, 26 year old Eric Allen SHETLER and 36 year old Edward Lashaun GRADDICK, both of Emporia were stopped at approximately 9:30PM, March 26, 2009, on Highway 77 just south of Junction City after they were observed leaving town with a stolen trailer and Bobcat from two separate locations within Junction City. The trailer, taken from TIM's AUTO SALES was valued at \$3,800. The Bobcat, valued at \$22,000 was taken from a new construction area off of Spring Valley Road.

Through continued investigation, it is believed SHETLER may be linked to numerous thefts in Junction City over the last two years with an amount of loss exceeding \$150,000.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office, Emporia Police Department, Kansas Highway Patrol, Riley County Police Department, Junction City Police Department and KBI worked together on the investigation. The investigation is continuing and there is no additional information available at this time.